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## Social Events In Town Of Benson

Old Members of Faculty Entertain New Members; Parties and Club Meetings

BENSON, Nov. 1.—A delightful party was given the new members of the Benson school faculty by the last year's faculty recently at the home of Mrs. C. T. Johnson. The house was decorated with Hallows' symbols and potted plants. Hallows' colors were used in the refreshments and favors. Special guests besides the new members of the faculty were Mesdames Paul Shaw and N. G. Woodlief.

Mrs. E. A. Johnson entertained with six tables of rook on a recent evening. The rooms were made attractive with shaded lights, fall flowers and decorations of yellow and black. The guests were welcomed by little Miss Julia Johnson in a suit of yellow and black. The high score prize, a silver bud vase, was presented to Mrs. L. L. Levinson. Mrs. J. B. Slack was presented a silver bridge bell for low score. On each table were salted nuts and homemade candies. "Topsy" cake with coffee and cream was served.

The Business and Professional Women's club held its monthly meeting Monday evening at the North State hotel. Miss Ellie Morgan was chairman of the program for the evening. An interesting debate, "Resolved, That it is better to marry than to remain single," afforded a great deal of amusement. The affirmative was upheld by Misses Clara McLeod and Eva Wilborn while on the negative were Misses Neta Turlington and Martha Stevenson. The affirmative won the decision. Miss Virginia Stone played a piano solo. The president, Mrs. H. L. Graves made an impressive talk on "Cooperation." A clever stunt, "the fall wedding," was given by several of the members.

The T. E. L. class of the Baptist church held its business and social meeting Monday evening with Mrs. M. A. Peacock, with Mrs. Peacock and Mrs. Paul Brown as joint hostesses. Mrs. J. F. Woodall conducted the devotional. An interesting program was given by Mesdames Gaston Adams, R. B. Brady, J. E. Kirk, and J. F. Woodall. This was the annual election of officers and the following were elected: president, Mrs. J. F. Woodall; first vice-president, Mrs. Minnie Overby; second vice-president, Mrs. C. L. Britt; third vice-president, Mrs. R. B. Brady; secretary-treasurer, Miss Velma Brady; assistant, Mrs. Otis Porter; reporter, Miss Dora Barbour; teacher, Mrs. J. W. Whitton; assistant, Mrs. G. W. Cavanaugh.

Mrs. Mac Barbour entertained several friends recently with a heart's dice party. Pink and white roses and nasturtiums were used in the decorations. The high score prize went to Mrs. Booker Lawhon, and the booty to Mrs. J. F. Woodall.

Mrs. S. A. Duncan complimented her mother, Mrs. White, of Windsor, on Thursday afternoon with a rook and bridge party. The decorations were in yellow and black. Lovely refreshments consisting of chicken salad, coffee, sandwiches and hot rolls were served.

A play, "The Adventures of a College Bride," will be given on Tuesday evening in the school auditorium by the members of the faculty. This is considered an unusually good play and is full of amusing situations from the beginning to the end.

## Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield or Johnston county, and if the right one decipher his name and will present it to the Herald office, we will present him with a free ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

Bill Norton deciphered his name: **JAKHTLOCAMI**  
Today's Tantalizer: **JAKHTLOCAMI**

## Passes Away



JOHN W. WOOD

## J. W. Wood Dies At Age 73 Years

For Thirty Years Was Identified With Public Affairs in Johnston County; Member 1927 Legislature

John William Wood died at his home in Meadow township on Wednesday, October 31, at 1:20 p. m. Death came after several months of failing health as a result of heart trouble and those who have watched the progress of his decline were not taken by surprise.

Mr. Wood was in his seventy-third year. He was widely known through Johnston, Sampson and Harnett counties, and thousands of warm friends throughout these counties along with the immediate members of his family, will mourn his passing.

For the past thirty years Mr. Wood has been identified in some way or other with public affairs in Johnston county, serving during this time as member of the board of education, as a member of the board of county commissioners, and as representative in the lower house of the general assembly. He was a member of the last named body at the time of his death, having been elected at the last general election and served during the legislature of 1927. He has been an influential democrat in his community ever since he attained his majority, and his principles of county government have been based on a system of rigid economy. So rigid indeed has he always been with public expenditures, that he became regarded as one of the safest directors of county affairs connected with the public life of the county, and his friends admiringly referred to him as the "watch-dog of the county treasury."

In private life Mr. Wood has been as successful as he has been in public life. He started life with but the barest necessities but by a rigid system of economy and by extraordinary energy and industry he amassed a very good estate, and at the time of his death few men in the county owned more land than did he.

He was twice married—first to Miss Sarah Hudson, of Meadow township, and after her death to Mrs. Lydia Hudson (formerly Miss Lydia Barefoot), also of Meadow township. He reared a large family of children, several of whom are now grown to manhood and are good and dependable citizens of Johnston county.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at the home in Meadow township, a very large crowd being present. Elder Xuro Lee conducted the service. Interment was made in the family burying ground. Active pall bearers were nephews of the deceased as follows: Messrs. Dalma Wood, Larry F. Wood, Elphair George, Jerry L. George, Elmond Lee, Frank George, Carlisle Eldridge and Johnny Hudson.

Honorary pall bearers were: P. E. Johnson, D. B. Oliver, J. Rufus Creech, C. A. Fitzerald, RETURN TO PAGE 6

# NEGRO WOMAN JUMPS IN WELL

## Two Full Days In Recorder's Court

Several Criminal Cases Tried In Regular Session of Local Court This Week

Recorder's court was in session Tuesday and Wednesday of this week and the following cases were tried:

Turner Sanders was sent to the county roads for 60 days for assault on his wife.

Allison Cole, charged with assault with deadly weapon, was found not guilty. The prosecution was adjudged to be frivolous and malicious and not brought in good faith, and the prosecuting witness was taxed with the cost.

James Wiggs, Wilbert Woodard, George Worley and Durand Watson were charged with larceny. The state took a nol pro with leave as to George Worley and Durand Watson. James Wiggs and Wilbert Woodard were found guilty of larceny of cotton in the value of \$20 or less. Each was assigned work on the roads of Johnston county for a term of six months and taxed with half the cost each.

Ollie Renfrow was convicted of being publicly drunk and of assault with deadly weapon. He was sentenced to the roads for four months. The road sentence is to be suspended upon the payment of the cost and on further condition that he does not drink, possess, transport, or manufacture any intoxicant of any kind including cider or wine during the next two years, or aid and abet in any of the above during the next two years.

A. G. Manning was found guilty of indecent exposure, and was sent to jail for a term of 60 days to be worked as the sheriff sees fit. He was also taxed with the cost.

Albert Mayfield and Robert McNeil were charged with careless and reckless driving. McNeil was not convicted. Mayfield was found guilty and was sentenced to the roads for 30 days. The road sentence is to be suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and the cost. He gave notice of appeal.

J. M. Talton was found guilty of possession for the purpose of sale. He was sent to jail for six months and assigned work as the sheriff sees fit. He was also taxed with the cost.

Lersy Lynch was found guilty of assault with deadly weapon on Paul Edwards and was sentenced to the roads for 60 days. The sentence is to be suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine and the cost. He was also found guilty of removing crops. Prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of the cost in this case.

James Evans was found guilty of possession for the purpose of sale. A 30-day road sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and the cost.

A. A. Barefoot was convicted of being publicly drunk and disorderly. A 30-day road sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$10 fine and the cost and on further condition that he does not drink, possess, transport, or manufacture any intoxicant of any kind including cider or wine during the next two years.

## BID ON ROAD WORK IN JOHNSTON COUNTY

Among the bids on 82.47 miles of top soil and sandelay roads opened by the State Highway Commission Tuesday, was one for a project in Johnston and Wake counties. The piece of road to be let is 19.13 miles on route 22 from Selma to the intersection of route 91. Beal Brothers of Bear Creek were the low bidders, their bid being \$99,356.90. Structures by J. L. Brinkley, Thomasville, \$29,048.75. The highway commissioners were to meet yesterday and award or reject the contracts.

"What is your definition of an optimist?"  
"A fellow who looks at his shirt just back from the laundry and says, 'Well, we needed lace curtains, anyway!'"

## WHEN NORTH MET SOUTH



Governor Alfred E. Smith is shown shaking hands with John Dowling, 63-year-old Confederate veteran as he arrived at Chattanooga, Tenn. for a brief stop on his triumphant campaign tour of the South.

## Johnston Baptist Ass'n At Trinity

The 26th Annual Session of This Body Will Convene Nov. 7th and 8th; Good Program

The 26th annual session of the Johnston Baptist Association will be held with Trinity church next Wednesday and Thursday, November 7, 8. Trinity is about 12 miles south of Smithfield, and about eight miles northeast of Benson. Those going from the direction of Smithfield will follow highway 24 to a point some two miles past Holt Lake where it is promised a sign will be seen on the left directing one to Trinity. The session will open at 9:30 a. m. The program follows:

Wednesday Morning.  
9:30 a. m. Devotional Service, Nevel Stancil.  
9:45 Roll Call of churches; enrollment of delegates; adoption of order of business.  
10:00 Report on Missions: State, Home, Foreign, S. L. Morgan.  
10:45 The Cooperative Program and Budget, R. F. Hall.  
Address, Dr. C. E. Maddry.  
11:15 Miscellaneous Business; Committees announced.  
Recognition of Visitors.  
11:30 Introductory Sermon, J. E. Kirk.  
12:15 Adjournment.

Wednesday Afternoon.  
2:00 p. m. Devotional Service, C. H. Norris.  
2:15 Digest of Church Letters, J. E. Kirk.  
2:45 Our Local Problems—Round Table, L. E. D. Andrews.  
3:15 Stewardship and Tithing, A. A. Pippin.

Wednesday Evening.  
7:30 Sermon, W. J. Crain  
Thursday Morning.  
9:30 a. m. Devotional Service, S. S. McGregor.  
9:45 Miscellaneous Business.  
10:00 Report of Executive Committee, S. L. Morgan.  
10:10 Benevolence: Orphanage, Hospitals, Aged Ministers—W. J. Crain.  
10:40 Sunday Schools, Geo. Y. Ragsdale.  
11:00 B. Y. P. U. A. L. Brown.  
11:20 Woman's Work, Mrs. B. A. Hocutt.  
11:40 Christian Education, S. W. Oldham.

Adjournment.  
Thursday Afternoon.  
2:00 p. m. Devotional Service, W. O. Andrews.  
2:15 Social Service, Temperance, Public Morals—R. L. Shirley.  
2:45 Religious Literature, L. L. Levinson.  
3:00 Obituaries, R. H. Gower.  
3:15 Miscellaneous Business.  
Adjournment.

**DONATE YOUR OLD CLOTHES**  
Mrs. D. J. Thurston, county welfare agent, has issued a call for old clothing to be used in her social service work. The ladies of the Methodist church are asked to send or report clothes to their nearest circle leader and the clothes will be called for. The circle leaders are Mrs. W. D. Hood, Mrs. A. M. Noble, and Mrs. N. B. Grantham.

## Esther Stevens Ends Her Life

Bad Health Thought To Be The Cause of Her Rash Act

It is most unusual to hear of a negro suicide, but such a tragedy took place near this city Wednesday afternoon when Esther Stevens, a negro woman, aged 30 or 32 years, jumped into the well and was drowned.

The woman, who is the daughter of Mordcai Stevens, who lives on his own farm in front of the Frank Broadhurst place on the Wilson's Mills road, had been in bad health for years, and it is thought this accounts for the occurrence.

According to information received here, the woman, together with her mother and sister, was sitting by the fire Wednesday afternoon when she remarked that something must be after the chickens. She passed out the front door and went around towards the back yard. As she passed the window of the room where her mother and sister sat, she was heard to say, "Good-bye." They followed her and looked for her at the barn, and around the premises. Not finding her they began a thorough search and looked in the well. They saw her go under the last time. Help was summoned but too late to resuscitate life.

## NEARLY 4,000,000 POUNDS TOBACCO SOLD HERE

That Johnston county farmers are selling more of their tobacco on the Johnston county market this year is evidenced by the fact that almost as much of the golden weed had been sold here on October 31 as was sold during the whole season last year. On October 31, 3,940,930 pounds had been marketed here while the total for last year was only 4,189,308. Farmers have been pleased with the prices received here and both warehouses have had heavy sales.

## JUNIUS PARKER HEADS BIG CIGAR CONCERN

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—A. L. Sylvester resigned today as president of the American Cigar company of New York and recommended as his successor Junius Parker, chairman of the board of the American Tobacco company. Mr. Sylvester will continue as a director of the American Cigar company and as vice-president of the American Tobacco company. He announced he would retire from the latter position the first of the year and take a rest. He has been in the cigar business 50 years and president of the American Cigar company since 1912.

Junius Parker is a brother of E. S. Parker, member of the Greensboro law firm, Brooks, Parker, Smith and Wharton. He was born in Smithfield, N. C., and was educated at the University of North Carolina. He practiced law in Durham and Knoxville Tenn. He later moved to New York as assistant general counsel of the American Tobacco company and its allied organizations. In 1912 he became general counsel and in 1925 was named chairman of the board. His home is in Rye, N. Y., and his office at 111 Fifth avenue, New York, N. Y.

Relatives in Smithfield. Mr. Parker, native of this city, has several first cousins here, namely: Mrs. E. S. Abell, Mrs. N. B. Grantham, Dr. A. H. Rose, Mrs. L. T. Royall, J. H. Abell, Mrs. F. H. Brooks, Mrs. Helen Pierce and Mrs. N. M. Lawrence.

**NOTED SPEAKERS IN CLAYTON TONIGHT**  
Mrs. Palmer Jerman and Hon. R. S. McCoin will address the people of Clayton and community at the town hall in Clayton Friday night (tonight) Nov. 2, at 7:30 p. m.

## Fireworks At Selma On Armistice Night

SELMA, Oct. 31.—One of the prettiest displays of fireworks ever seen in this part of the state will be staged in Selma Monday night, November 12 as part of the Armistice day celebration which will be held in honor of the Civil, Spanish-American and World War veterans. Twelve or fifteen thousand people are expected here on that day. The veterans will be honor guests of Johnston county at an elaborate barbecue dinner. Selma will be decorated for the day and a number of floats will be entered in the parade which will be one of the features of the celebration. Other entertainments which have been secured for the day are a merry-go-round, ferris wheel, and one or two side shows. A football game and a boxing bout have also been booked. Major John Hall Manning, of Raleigh, will be the speaker for the occasion and one or two military units will be on hand to help make the day a success.

Time or money will be no object towards making this one of the biggest celebrations of its kind ever held in the state. The Fort Bragg 26-piece band will entertain the crowd with music.

## Armistice Day Proclamation

Governor McLean Calls For Dignified Observance On Sunday, Nov. 11; Secular and Military Celebration May Be On Monday

"To the People of North Carolina:

"Ten years ago a broken world laid aside the implements of war and turned its face toward peace. The signing of the Armistice on November 11, 1918, followed the most sanguinary struggle in the history of the human race. For four years Europe had been bathed in blood. While actual fighting was confined for the most part to that continent, the effects of that struggle were felt throughout the realm of civilization. It was a world experience.

"America's participation in the fight for supremacy, waged between autocracy and democracy, undoubtedly hastened its conclusion. We called the result a victory. From a material standpoint it was; but unless the spiritual ideals of those whose souls were dedicated to the cause of world peace shall prevail, the millions who perished in Europe died in vain.

"With Great War a decade behind us, we are confronted today with our peace time problems. The hardships and privations of war should have taught us self-mastery.

"If there remains among us a spirit of antagonism toward those who hold the diversified viewpoints that must always exist among a free people; if the spirit of brotherhood has not been promoted to a point where we can disagree and, at the same time, exercise a spirit of tolerance; if individual differences of opinion are to bring about internal strife and conflict, then selfishness is the shrine at which we worship and the blood that was spilled in behalf of universal liberty and freedom of thought has lost its spiritual significance.

"Composite humanity comprised the armies that marched forth on the battlefields of Europe. Men of all nationalities, of all creeds, fought and died shoulder to shoulder. Differences of personal opinion faded into significance. In that great melting pot, humanity refined its gold and discarded its dross. One purpose dominated the hearts of those who presented themselves living sacrifices to democracy and universal brotherhood.

"It again becomes my duty, under the law, to issue my proclamation giving official recognition to the eleventh day of November. But this is more than a duty. It is a

## Tonsil Clinic In Selma Is Over

Total of 205 Patients Operated On Including 13 From Pythian Home; Social Events of the Week

SELMA, Nov. 1.—The tonsil-adenoid clinic, which has been so highly successful and which lasted for nearly two weeks, closed Tuesday night. During chapel in the school auditorium Tuesday morning, Mrs. George M. Norwood, president of the Parent-Teacher Association, on behalf of the association presented Dr. Wade Atkinson who gave his services in the clinic free, with a handsomely engraved hyperdermic case.

A total of two hundred five patients were operated on by Dr. Atkinson during the clinic. On Tuesday, the best day of the clinic, there were thirty-six patients, thirteen of these being from the Pythian Home at Clayton.

This community will ever be grateful to Dr. Atkinson for his services in this clinic, and fortunate indeed are those who were given this opportunity to be treated by this big-hearted specialist, who gave his services entirely free of charge, the small sum of five dollars being charged each patient to cover other expenses. The county health officer, Dr. C. C. Massey, local physicians, and the members of the Parent-Teacher Association as well as the ladies in town showed a beautiful spirit of cooperation and helped to make the clinic a success. Some deserving special mention are: Mrs. J. S. Flowe, Mrs. Frank Sitton and Miss Cora Lee Chadwick.

## COTTON MEN CONFERENCE CONCERNING SEED

A conference of interest to cotton growers was held here Wednesday in the office of Mr. John A. Smith, field worker in Johnston county of the N. C. Cotton Growers Association. Messrs. M. G. Mann of Raleigh, manager of field service for the association; R. N. Melvin of Raleigh, editor of the N. C. Cotton Grower; Frank Jones of Goldsboro, field worker for Wayne county; J. C. Jones of Dunn, field worker for Harnett and adjoining counties; and J. B. Slack of Benson, tri-county farm demonstration agent, were in the conference in which there was a discussion of the distribution of cotton seed to be handled by the association.

Some time ago, some of the directors of the association made arrangements to purchase about ten thousand bushels of Coker's cotton seed. A letter from Mr. Coker read at the meeting here Wednesday indicates that only about half of that amount will be available. Orders will be filled in the order they are received.

## BUICK CAR CATCHES FIRE IN LOCAL GARAGE

When the fire alarm went off Tuesday afternoon, it was thought from the smoke that the Buick garage was on fire. It proved to be only an automobile in the Buick place, which was being repaired. The automobile belonged to a man connected with the shows at the negro fair grounds. The blaze was extinguished without turning on the hose.

## Aunt Roxie Opines By Mc—



"Wid Hoover ter feed us and Smith ter furnish de wata wagon, we ort ter fair all rite."